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In re Application of :

Hulten et al. : DECISION Application No. 10/605,598 : ON PETITION

Filed: October 10, 2003 : Attorney Docket Number: : 00173.0043.PCUS00 :

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed FEBRUARY 6, 2006, to revive the above-identified application. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action, mailed December 10, 2004. The Notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mail date of the Notice, and also provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned March 15, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 14, 2005.

With the instant petition, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and a submission in the form of an Amendment.

This application is being returned to Technology Center 3683 for processing of the RCE and Amendment in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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